

Transition to (spatio-temporal complexity and) turbulence in thermoconvection & aerodynamics

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RB* = Rayleigh-Bénard

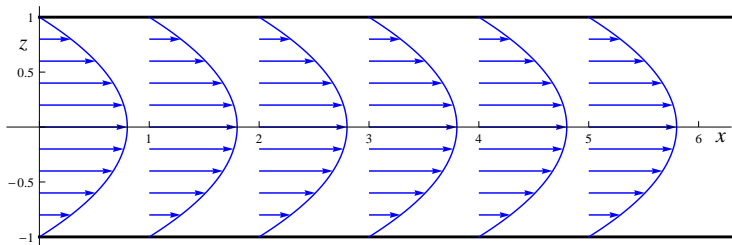
OSF* = Open Shear Flows

Today: session 5: transition in open shear flows:

- Numerical linear stability analysis of plane Poiseuille flow (PPF) : TS waves
- Launch HW3 !

When and how 2D xz laminar open shear flows get unstable ?

Example: plane Poiseuille flow



Viscous flow between two plates at $z = \pm h$:

$$\mathbf{v} = U(z) \mathbf{e}_x = U_0(1 - (z/h)^2) \mathbf{e}_x, \quad p = p_{\text{static}} + \rho g Z = -Gx \quad \text{with} \quad G = 2\eta \frac{U_0}{h^2}.$$

Particular case of **plane parallel flow** !

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General example: plane parallel flows

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 = U(z) \mathbf{e}_x, \quad p = p_{\text{static}} + \rho g Z = 0 \text{ in an inviscid fluid,}$$

$$p = p_{\text{static}} + \rho g Z = -Gx \text{ in a viscous fluid,}$$

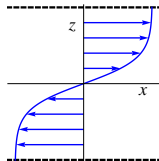
is solution of the Euler ($\eta = 0$) or Navier-Stokes ($\eta \neq 0$) equation

$$\rho [\partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}] = -\nabla p + \eta \Delta \mathbf{v}$$

$$\iff \mathbf{0} = G \mathbf{e}_x + \eta U''(z) \mathbf{e}_x$$

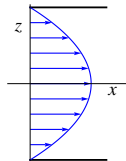
whatever $U(z)$ in an inviscid fluid,
provided $U(z) = \alpha + \beta z + \gamma z^2$ in a viscous fluid.

Mixing layer



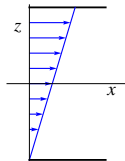
inviscid fl.

Poiseuille flow



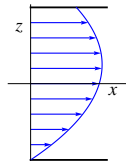
viscous fl.

Couette flow



viscous fl.

Couette-Poiseuille flow



viscous fl.

Stability analysis of plane parallel flows

Basic flow:

$$\mathbf{v}_0 = U(z) \mathbf{e}_x, \quad p_0 = -Gx \quad \text{with} \quad G = 0 \text{ in an inviscid fluid,}$$

$$G > 0 \text{ in a viscous fluid.}$$

Basic flow with **perturbations**:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{u}, \quad p = p_0 + \tilde{p}$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -(1/\rho) \nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{v} \quad (\text{NS})$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + U' u_z \mathbf{e}_x + U \partial_x \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -(1/\rho) \nabla \tilde{p} + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \quad (\text{NS})$$

$$\text{div} \mathbf{v} = \text{div} \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (\text{MC})$$

- ▷ Unit of length = h half-width of the channel, thickness of the mixing layer...
- ▷ Unit of velocity = $U_0 = \max_z U(z)$ scale of U
- ▷ Unit of time = h/U_0 advection time

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + U' u_z \mathbf{e}_x + U \partial_x \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + R^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{u} \quad (\text{NS})$$

with **the Reynolds number** $R = U_0 h / \nu$, $R = \infty$ in an inviscid fluid.

2D xz stability analysis of plane parallel flows

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$$\mathbf{u} = \text{curl}(\psi \mathbf{e}_y) = (\nabla \psi) \times \mathbf{e}_y = -(\partial_z \psi) \mathbf{e}_x + (\partial_x \psi) \mathbf{e}_z.$$

We eliminate \tilde{p} in (NS) by considering $\text{curl}(\text{NS}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_y$ i.e. the **vorticity equation**:

$$\partial_t(-\Delta \psi) + [\partial_z(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla u_x) - \partial_x(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla u_z)] = R^{-1} \Delta(-\Delta \psi) + U \partial_x(\Delta \psi) - U''(\partial_x \psi) \quad (\text{Vort})$$

 \Leftrightarrow

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Boundary conditions:

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$$-\sigma \Delta \psi = R^{-1} \Delta(-\Delta \psi) + U \partial_x(\Delta \psi) - U''(\partial_x \psi) \quad (\text{Vort})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ikc \Delta \psi = R^{-1} \Delta(-\Delta \psi) + ikU \Delta \psi - ikU'' \psi \quad (\text{Vort})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{(U - c) \Delta \psi - U'' \psi = (ikR)^{-1} \Delta \Delta \psi} \quad (\text{Vort})$$

Orr - Sommerfeld eq. in a viscous fluid, **Rayleigh eq.** in an inviscid fluid ($R = \infty$)

BC at $z = z_{\pm}$: viscous fluid: $\psi = \partial_z \psi = 0$; inviscid fluid: $\psi = 0$.

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2D xz linear stability analysis of inviscid plane parallel flows

Normal mode analysis: assume \exists one **amplified mode**

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Satisfies **Rayleigh equation** $(U - c)\Delta\psi - U''\psi = 0$ with BC $\psi = 0$ at $z = z_{\pm}$.

Exercise 2.1 Rayleigh's inflection point criterion

▷ Express $\Psi''(z)$ as a function of $\Psi(z)$, $U(z)$, $U''(z)$, k and c .

▷ By multiplication with a suitable function and integration over $z \in [z_-, z_+]$, show that

$$\int_{z_-}^{z_+} (k^2 |\Psi(z)|^2 + |\Psi'(z)|^2) dz + \int_{z_-}^{z_+} \frac{U''(z) |\Psi(z)|^2}{U(z) - c} dz = 0$$

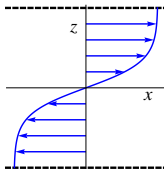
then $\int_{z_-}^{z_+} \frac{U''(z) |\Psi(z)|^2}{|U(z) - c|^2} dz = 0 \Rightarrow$ if $U'' \neq 0$, U'' must change sign somewhere,
there must exist an **inflection point** in the U -profile.

▷ $U'' = 0$ everywhere \Rightarrow contradiction \Rightarrow **flow is stable (possibly only neutrally)**.

Instability of an inviscid plane parallel flow, the mixing layer

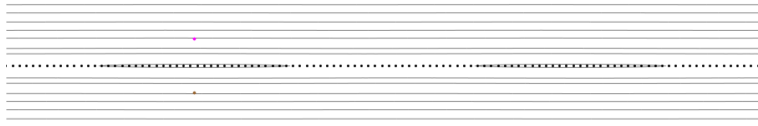
The hyperbolic tangent **mixing layer**

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displays a **Kelvin-Helmholtz instability** !

Initial condition $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{u}$ with \mathbf{u} small:

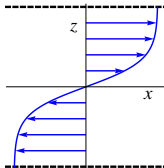


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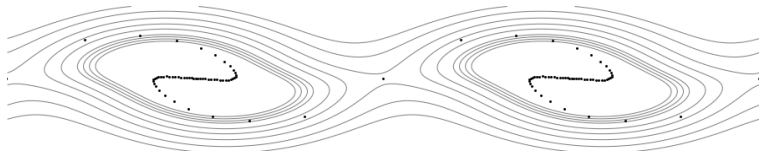
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Time development: **the perturbation \mathbf{u} becomes large** !

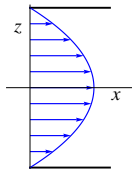


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Stability of inviscid plane Poiseuille flow

Plane Poiseuille flow of an inviscid fluid has no inflection point \Rightarrow it is **stable**.

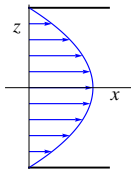
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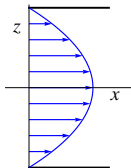
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Must calculate normal modes

$$\psi = \Psi(z) \exp(ikx + \sigma t) = \Psi(z) \exp[ik(x - c_r t)] \exp(kc_i t)$$

by solving the **Orr - Sommerfeld equation**

$$\sigma D\psi = -\sigma \Delta\psi = L_R \psi = -R^{-1} \Delta\Delta\psi + ik(U\Delta\psi - U''\psi)$$

with the BC at $z = \pm 1$: $\psi = \partial_z \psi = 0$.

Eigenvalue $\sigma = -ikc$; $c_r = -\sigma_i/k$ phase velocity ; $\sigma_r > 0 \leftrightarrow$ **amplified mode**

$\sigma_r = 0 \leftrightarrow$ **neutral mode**

$\sigma_r < 0 \leftrightarrow$ **damped mode**

Problem 2.1

Stability of viscous plane Poiseuille flow: pb. 2.1

$$\sigma D\Psi = -\sigma\Delta\Psi = L_R\Psi = -R^{-1}\Delta\Delta\Psi + ik(U\Delta\Psi - U''\Psi) \quad (\text{OS})$$

$$\text{with } \Delta = -k^2 + \frac{d^2}{dz^2}$$

and the boundary conditions $\Psi = \Psi' = 0$ if $z = \pm 1$.

Spectral expansion taking into account the BC and even symmetry under $z \mapsto -z$:

$$\Psi(z) = \sum_{n=1}^N \Psi_n F_n(z)$$

$$\text{with } F_n(z) = (z-1)^2 (z+1)^2 T_{2n-2}(z) = (z^2-1)^2 T_{2n-2}(z),$$

$T_n(z) = n^{\text{th}}$ Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind.

Evaluate (OS) at the **Gauss-Lobatto collocation points**

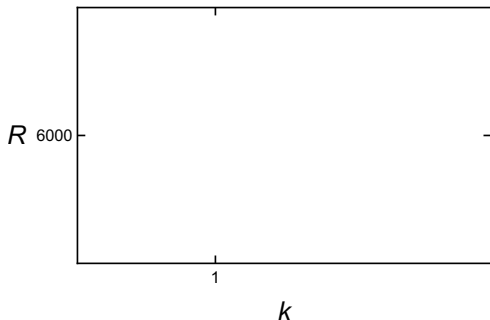
$$z_m = \cos[m\pi/(2N+1)] \quad \text{for } m \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

$$\iff \sigma \sum_n \Psi_n DF_n(z_m) = \sum_n \Psi_n LF_n(z_m) \iff \sigma MD \cdot V = ML \cdot V$$

$$\text{with } V = (\Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_N)^T, \quad [MD]_{mn} = DF_n(z_m), \quad [ML]_{mn} = LF_n(z_m).$$

Stability of viscous plane Poiseuille flow: pb. 2.1

Neutral curve:



converged, near the critical k corresponding to the minimal R , within 0.1% provided that

$$Nz \geq 17?, 18?, 19?$$